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Idaho Potato Stocks Up 12 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on December 1 totaled 101 million cwt, 11.0 million cwt more than on hand December 1, 2011. Disappearance, at 42.2 million cwt is up 9 percent from last year's 38.8 million cwt. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 7.32 million cwt of raw potatoes during November, a decrease of 3 percent from last November. Accumulated processing of 2012 crop raw potatoes to December 1 was 26.8 million cwt, down 5 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 22.6 million cwt of the total processed, down 2 percent from last year. The remaining 4.22 million cwt were produced in other states.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 280 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2012, up 11 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 68 percent of the 2012 fall storage States' production, up 2 percent from the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 132 million cwt, was 2 percent above December 1, 2011. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 13.7 million cwt, was unchanged from the same date in 2011. Processors in the 9 major States have used 73.2 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 4 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 13.5 million cwt of the total processing, up 1 percent from last year.

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